



Shrewsbury Public Schools

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Superintendent's Update March 8, 2011

Dear Shrewsbury Families,

Let's hope that we are coming to the end of a brutal winter. I am knocking on wood that you will not hear my recorded voice again regarding a delay or cancellation, but one never knows with New England weather. Currently, our last day of school for grades one through eleven is Tuesday, June 21.

The last day for kindergarten will be Monday, June 20, and the last day for preschool will be communicated soon.

Please note the following information:

1) Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Process: Tomorrow evening (March 9), the School Department administration will present its recommendation for next year's budget to the School Committee. This portion of the meeting is scheduled to begin at approximately 8:45pm. The meeting will be broadcast live, beginning at 7:00pm, on local cable Channel 29, Shrewsbury Educational Television. The School Committee will also hold a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2012 budget and on school choice on Wednesday evening, March 16 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall during its regularly scheduled meeting. This meeting begins at 7:00pm; prior to the public hearing, there will be a presentation on the status of school choice at Shrewsbury High School and comments on the state budget from State Senator Michael Moore. For information on the development of the Fiscal Year 2012 budget, please go to our home page at <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov> and click on the FY12 Budget link in the Quick Links section.

2) Proposed Policy on Sponsorships and Advertising: At its meeting tomorrow evening, the School Committee will discuss and potentially vote on the adoption of a new policy on sponsorships and advertising. The draft of the proposed policy is posted on our web site

at http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1299507015_696685.pdf If you have comments for the School Committee on this proposed policy, you may contact all five members by sending a message to SchoolCommittee@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

3) Continued Student Successes: We continue to receive news of wonderful performances on the part of our students. While details are being shared by principals at the various levels, I am proud that we have students who have competed and/or been honored in the following ways: selections for the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards and the Worcester Art Museum Youth Art Month; high school Drama Competition honors; Destination Imagination champions; selections for Central District music honors; National History Day Central Massachusetts champions; Math Counts top ten in state middle school competition; Speech and Debate tournament honors; and multiple high school athletics postseason qualifications. Congratulations to all of our teams and individual students for their outstanding efforts!

Thanks for your continued support of our schools.

Respectfully,

Joe Sawyer